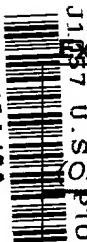


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Washington, DC 20231**

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

AN OPTICAL DISK, AN OPTICAL DISK BARCODE FORMING METHOD, AN OPTICAL DISK REPRODUCTION APPARATUS, A MARKING FORMING APPARATUS, A METHOD OF FORMING A LASER MARKING ON AN OPTICAL DISK, AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN OPTICAL DISK

and invented by:

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1. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 122 pages and including the following:
 - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
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 - d. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix (if applicable)
 - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
 - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
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 - h. ☒ Detailed Description
 - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
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3. ☒ Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)*
- a. ☒ Formal Number of Sheets 51
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- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional application only)*
- c. ☒ With Power of Attorney ☐ Without Power of Attorney
- d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☒ Incorporation By Reference *(Usable if Box 4b is checked)*
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche *(Appendix)*
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- c. ☐ Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

Accompanying Application Parts


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9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement *(when there is an assignee)*
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